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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by this paper to Deposit Account No. 50-0258.<sup>1</sup>

**In The Specification:**

On page 6, line 29, please delete "and 1A".

On page 6, line 31, please insert --and 2A-- after "Figure 2".

**In The Claims:**

Please cancel claim 26 and 29-30, without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter therein and amend claims 1-5, 7, 9, 25, 27-28, 34-35, 39-41 and 46-48 as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) An isolated polynucleotide comprising a member selected from the group consisting of:

(a) a first polynucleotide having at least a [70%] 90% identity to a reference polynucleotide sequence consisting of a sequence encoding a polypeptide comprising amino acids 1 to 256 of SEQ ID NO:2, wherein said identity is determined using an algorithm [with default parameters which algorithm is selected from the group] consisting of [BLASTP,] BLASTN [or FASTA] , where the algorithm is adapted to give the largest match between sequences tested, over the entire length of the reference polynucleotide sequence; and of

(b) a polynucleotide which is the complement of the entire length such first polynucleotide of (a).

2. (Amended) The isolated polynucleotide of Claim 1 wherein the isolated polynucleotide is DNA.

3. (Amended) The isolated polynucleotide of Claim 1 wherein the isolated polynucleotide is RNA.

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<sup>1</sup> If an Extension of Time, is deemed necessary, please consider this paper a Petition for such an Extension.